

Census 2010: It's Easy, **SAFE**, and Important Safety Bulletin

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Identifying the Census Taker:

- All census takers carry official government badges marked with just their name
- You may also ask them for a picture ID from another source to confirm their identity
- In some areas, Census workers may work in teams
- Some census workers might carry a "U.S. Census Bureau" bag
- Most importantly, the Census Bureau will NEVER, under any circumstances, ask to enter your home.

Additional security related information to keep in mind:

- Any request for census information from the Census Bureau will be clearly marked as coming from the U.S. Census Bureau and as OFFICIAL BUSINESS of the United States
- It is a federal offense for anyone to pretend they represent the Census Bureau, or any other office of the United States Government
- When the 2010 Census takes place, you will receive a letter from the Census Bureau Director, notifying you that, in a few days, your household will receive a form in the mail, or a phone call from the Census Bureau, or a visit from a Census Bureau representative.
- **If you still are not certain about their identity, please call 1-866-861-2010, the Regional Census Center toll-free number, to confirm they're employed by the Census Bureau.**

Safety of Completing Census Questionnaire:

We depend on your cooperation and trust, and promise to protect the confidentiality of your information. Title 13 of the U.S. Code protects the confidentiality of all your information and violating this law is a crime with severe penalties. In addition, other federal laws, including the Confidential Statistical Efficiency Act and the Privacy Act reinforce these protections.

We use your information to produce statistics.

Your answers cannot be used against you by any government agency or court and they cannot be shared with the Internal Revenue Service, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Central Intelligence Agency or any other government agency. Not even the President of the United States.

All Census Bureau employees take the **oath of nondisclosure** and are sworn for life to protect the confidentiality of the data. The penalty for unlawful disclosure is a fine of up to \$250,000 or imprisonment of up to 5 years, or both.

It is against the law to disclose or publish any of the following information:

- Names
- Addresses including GPS coordinates
- Social Security numbers
- Telephone numbers

* Private information is never published.*